

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An audio reproducing apparatus comprising:

audio reproducing device for reproducing audio information;

discriminating device for discriminating sound stream attribute contained in the audio information;

storing device for storing frequency character information set corresponding to the sound stream attribute;

renewing device for variably adjusting the frequency character information in accordance with the sound stream attribute discriminated by the discriminating device; and

control device for performing a control so that the renewing device can be variably adjusted in accordance with the frequency character information corresponding to the sound stream attribute discriminated by the discriminating device, and that the audio reproducing device can output the audio information.

2. (Currently Amended) An audio reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

character storing device for storing a plurality of frequency character information; and

selecting device for selecting a sound field corresponding to frequency character information stored in the character storing device;

wherein the control device is provided such that a sound field selected by the selecting device is stored in the character storing device, corresponding to a the sound stream attribute.

3. (Currently Amended) An audio reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the discriminating device is provided to discriminate, as a the sound stream attribute, one or more of audio coding mode, quantization, sampling frequency and the number of audio channels.

4. (Currently Amended) An audio reproducing apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the discriminating device is adapted to effect an On/Off control of speakers, in accordance with ~~an attribute of an audio stream~~ the sound stream attribute.